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(54) Title: GOLF TEE**(57) Abstract**

This invention relates to a golf tee (10) for supporting a golf ball (12) on a ground surface (14). The golf tee (10) includes a base (16) which supports a number of bristles (24) which in turn support the golf ball (12). The bristles (24) are arranged to form an annular support surface (26) which supports the golf ball (12). A shaft (22), which is arranged to be pushed into the ground surface (14), extends from the base (16). The bristles (24) of the golf tee (10) are not broken when the golf ball (12), supported at the golf tee (10), is hit by the face of a golf club. Further, the bristles (24) do not damage the face of the golf club and provide little deflection to the face of the golf club when a golf ball (12) is hit.

